

COMMENDING PRESIDENT LEE
TENG-HUI OF TAIWAN

HON. ROBERT SMITH

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I hereby submit the attached statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui's leadership in seeking a peaceful solution to the Taiwan/China reunification issue.

PRESIDENT LEE TENG-HUI SEEKS DIALOGUE
WITH MAINLAND CHINA

As The Republic of China on Taiwan gets ready to celebrate their forthcoming National Day, President Lee Teng-hui has urged his mainland China counterparts to consider seriously proposals for a meeting between top leaders, cooperation on assistance to Southeast Asian countries, cooperation in agriculture, an offshore transshipment center, assistance on the reform of state enterprises, and cultural exchanges.

So far, the Chinese communists have been lukewarm towards President Lee's many gestures of goodwill. The Chinese communists insist on the undemocratic "one country, two systems" arrangement as the way to solve the reunification issue.

President Lee has made it very clear that the people on Taiwan cannot accept such an arrangement. The Republic of China has 87 years of history as a constitutional sovereign country and it can't turn itself into a local government.

We hope that both Taiwan and the Chinese mainland will find a peaceful solution to the reunification issue. In the meantime as we better our relations with the Chinese mainland, we should further strengthen our ties to Taiwan. After all, Taiwan has been our ally since its founding 87 years ago.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ASA HUTCHINSON

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 1998

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for the vote on the Mink Amendment to H.R. 3248 (Roll No. 450). Had I been present, I would have voted against this amendment.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN R.
BRIGGS

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to a loving family man and dedicated civic servant, Mr. "Big" John R. Briggs, Jr., who passed away in Terrell, Texas, on June 10, 1998.

Big John was born in Rockwall, Texas, on June 14, 1918. At an early age, John began to work with his father at Briggs Oil Company and established Briggs Wrecker Service in 1933, a business he continued until his retirement. In 1953, Big John married the former

Marion Howie, with whom he raised a son and two daughters.

Big John became a lifelong resident of Terrell when he began work for the Texas Highway Department surveying new roads in the southern part of Kaufman County. During World War II, John and his father helped construct the British Flying Training School that was built at the local airport. There John remained as Supervisor of Civilian Operations non-military personnel through the duration of the War.

Tirelessly committed to the community, Big John not only served as a member of the Terrell Volunteer Fire Department for over 38 years, but was even named fire chief by his peers. When he retired from the fire department Big John was elected mayor of Terrell, serving four terms from 1981 to 1988. According to his family, Big John was eternally dedicated to the City of Terrell, making every decision with the best interest of the people of Terrell at heart. With great vision, Big John helped lay the foundation in the 1980s for the extensive industrial growth that benefits Terrell today.

Mr. Speaker, Big John Briggs was loved and respected by most everyone who knew him and he will be greatly missed by family and friends. As we adjourn today, let us do so in honor of and respect for this great American—the late John R. Briggs.

HONORING AGAPE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 1998

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Agape Christian Fellowship Family Worship Center's 10th Anniversary in Brooklyn, New York.

Agape Christian Fellowship is more than a place of worship. It strives to take care of the spiritual, educational, support, and social needs of the family as a whole. From a small acorn a mighty oak tree shall grow, with its roots planted deep and its presence strong. This metaphor only begins to describe The Agape Christian Fellowship Family Worship Center.

The numerous ministries, evangelical and missionary outreaches strive to constantly increase in number and spirit the Family of the Savior. The Elders and Ministers Alliance celebrates and supports those called to serve and those who desire to be a vehicle for God. The Nehemiah Ministry for children encourages the positive support and rearing of children in the way of righteousness. The Evangelism and Missionary Department serve to meet the needs of the lost and preach salvation and hope in Christ. These are but a few of the many examples of Agape's diligence to spread the word of God.

The Educational Division, Music Ministry, and Daughters of Esther are integral parts of Agape's desire to support members and non-members to have a complete life in the Lord. The Educational Division celebrates those in schools at all levels and encourages them to stay steadfast in their faith. The Daughters of Esther minister to young women to construct their lives according to biblical principles.

Mr. Speaker, with the accomplishments highlighted and the numerous others I could not, I ask you to join me in saluting the Agape Christian Fellowship Family Worship Center on their 10th Anniversary.

A TRIBUTE TO LOU NANNE ON HIS
ELECTION TO THE U.S. HOCKEY
HALL OF FAME

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 1998

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the greatest figures in the history of hockey in Minnesota, the birthplace of this great sport in America.

Hockey is an instrumental part of the culture of our wonderful state. Minnesotans often boast about our 10,000 lakes, but we have 10 times as many ice rinks. And Lou Nanne is one of the founding fathers of hockey in Minnesota as well as our nation.

Mr. Speaker, Lou Nanne of Edina, Minnesota, located in the Third Congressional District, was elected to the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame on Wednesday, September 23rd, a truly fitting tribute to "Sweet Lou from The Soo," a reference to his native Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Just like his patented rushes from one end of the rink to the other, Lou Nanne is known from coast to coast for the key role he played in making hockey the major sport it is in America today. In 1989, Lou received the prestigious Lester Patrick Award for his outstanding service to hockey in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, there is no level of hockey—amateur, college, Olympic, international and pro—in America which has not been touched by Lou Nanne's great playing talent, coaching expertise, distinctive management style, enthusiasm, articulate salesmanship and inspirational involvement.

Whether it is attending a pee wee hockey game at a cold, neighborhood rink somewhere in a distant corner of our state, speaking to a high school boosters group, helping to raise money for a paralyzed young player, competing at the highest level of the sport both here and around the world, or managing a professional team, Lou Nanne has done it all in promoting the sport he loves so dearly.

Mr. Speaker, Lou came to prominence as a player for the University of Minnesota, my alma mater. Lou played for the Gophers from 1959 to 1963 and was named an All-American his senior year.

Lou Nanne served as captain of the 1968 U.S. Olympic team, as well as general manager of Team USA for four years.

Lou was the hometown favorite when he played for the Minnesota North Stars of the National Hockey League, starting with the team from its inception and remaining one of the team's stalwarts for more than a decade of thrills, from 1967 to 1978. He was coach of the North Stars in 1978, general manager for the ensuing decade and president from 1988 to 1990.

We Minnesotans just call him Sweet Lou because of his smooth stick handling skills and low-key, friendly personality. I'm also proud to call Lou Nanne my good friend of many years.